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| Agenda Subject: Resolution No. 4583 | | Date: March 15, 2010 |
| Department: | Attachments: Resolution No. 4583 | Budget Impact: |
| Administrative Recommendation: City Council adopt Resolution No. 4583. | | |
| Background Summary: Resolution No. 4583 expresses the Council's support for The Boeing Company's efforts to win the United States Department of Defense contract for the next mid-air refueling tanker. The Resolution also requests the U.S. Department of Defense not split the contract between the two competitors—Boeing and Airbus. | | |
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| Action: Committee Approval: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Council Approval: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Call for Public Hearing ___/___/___ Referred to _____ Until ___/___/___ Tabled _____ Until ___/___/___ | | |
| Councilmember: Backus | | Staff: Heid |
| Meeting Date: March 15, 2010 | | Item Number: |

RESOLUTION NO. 4 5 8 3

A RESOLUTION FO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, URGING THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO SELECT THE
BOEING COMPANY TO BUILD THE NEXT MID-AIR
REFUELING TANKER

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has begun the process to procure the Air Force's next mid-air refueling tanker; and

WHEREAS, Boeing and Airbus are anticipated to be the competitors to build that tanker; and

WHEREAS, that contract could be worth \$35 billion; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. economy is currently struggling through a recession of historic magnitude; and

WHEREAS, unemployment nationally and in Washington remains around 10%; and

WHEREAS, U.S. taxpayers deserve the best tanker at the least cost; and

WHEREAS, The Boeing Company has a history of producing successful tankers for the U.S. Air Force and other countries' air forces; and

WHEREAS, Boeing can deliver a better aircraft more quickly to our soldiers, sailors and airmen; and

WHEREAS, Boeing will build its tankers in Everett, Washington at a proven plant, with a highly skilled and dedicated regional workforce that has a tradition of building the best airplanes in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle metropolitan statistical area, in which the City of Auburn is located, has the highest concentration of aerospace jobs in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle metropolitan area and the Puget Sound region is home to the vast majority of Boeing's more than 75,000 workers; and

WHEREAS, each job at Boeing supports nearly three additional jobs; and

WHEREAS, Aerospace workers earn an average of more than \$50,000 a year—60 percent higher than the average for all private sector industries; and

WHEREAS, most aerospace companies are relatively small businesses—many with five to 50 employees; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$5.4 billion is paid in annual wages to aerospace workers—five percent of all wages paid in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council values these jobs and the people who hold them, and will make it a priority to ensure Washington and the Puget Sound region remains the best place to design, build, and market commercial airplanes; and

WHEREAS, our national security interests are not served by sending this valuable and strategic program overseas; and

WHEREAS, Airbus has a majority of their workers in Europe, and by their own admission would only do the finishing work for a tanker in the U.S.—that's as little as 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, awarding the contract to Boeing can create or retain 40,000 to 50,000 American jobs at a time in history when we desperately need them; and

WHEREAS, U.S. taxpayers are not served by buying tankers from both Boeing and Airbus in this competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The Auburn City Council beseeches the U.S. Department of Defense to select Boeing over Airbus to build the next mid-air refueling tanker; and

Section 2. The Auburn City Council further requests that the U.S. Department of Defense not split the contract between the two competitors; and

Section 3. The Auburn City Council further directs that copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the City Clerk to Boeing Corporate Offices in Chicago, Boeing Commercial Airplanes in Seattle, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace.

Section 4. The Auburn City Council further directs that copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the City Clerk to the Washington State Congressional delegation.

Section 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

CITY OF AUBURN

PETER B. LEWIS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Danielle E. Daskam,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Daniel B. Heid
City Attorney